GCC Food Pantry Opens

The Franklin County Collaborative for Children and Greenfield Community College are soliciting nominations for the Abigail Adams Eliot Awards for Spring 2011. These awards seek to recognize individuals working with children ages birth to five, who have made exemplary contributions to these young children, their families and the field of Early Education and Care in Franklin County. The awards are open to nominations from the public, and will be judged by a panel of early childhood professionals. Nominations may be submitted by parents, early childhood practitioners, or other community members.

Two awards will be given:

• For educators currently working or who have worked, with young children birth to five years of age in an early childhood classroom or family child care setting in Franklin County, who have significantly affected the lives of children, families, and/or the community.

• For administrators in the early childhood field who have made a significant impact on the field of early childhood in their work with staff, parents, families and the community.

The deadline for submission is March 15. These awards will be presented on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at the Annual Early Education and Care Collaborations and Seminar. For more information, contact Karen Green, Union #4 CFC, Coordinator, at 665-8928.

Now Accepting Nominations
Abigail Adams Eliot Award for Outstanding Service to Young Children in Franklin County

The Franklin County Community Meals Program Executive Director, Bell Pura, GCC President, Stacey Richle, Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts President, and the UCC Women’s Home Ministry Outreach, says President Pura. “It is hard to be a successful student when you are stressed about how you are going to feed your family. This pantry takes important steps toward preventing hunger in our community”, says President Pura.

To learn more about food assistance in our community, or if you are interested in making a donation, in-kind volunteering times, please contact Kit Carpenter at 413-775-1226 or carpenterk@gcc.mass.edu.

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Weatherization Installer 12-week Course
Franklin County Tech School
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3:30-7:30PM
Contact Alex: 413.775-1403 or floristadora@gcc.mass.edu

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